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Dewan's reply.—The suggestion of the member regarding the improvement of the canals is noted.

In regard to the passing of rules under the Irrigation Regulation, the Division Peishkar will be asked to report on the suggestion of the member.

175. *Improvement of roads.*

The member also suggested that the Changanacheri-Vazhur road be improved.

Dewan's reply.—A portion of the road has been improved and the balance will also be attended to, bit by bit.

MINACHIL TALUK.

176. *Munsiff Court at Minachil.*

Mr. R. Narayana Pillai said that the Munsiff Court at Kanjirapalli be transferred to Minachil.

Dewan's reply.—At present the Kanjirapalli Munsiff's Court is on the main road from the south. Both the Peishkar and the Chief Engineer consider that Minachil will be quite unsuitable for locating a Munsiff's Court. The Court cannot be transferred to Minachil, as it is just three months since it was located where it now is.

177. *Improvement of roads.*

The member further requested that the following roads be improved:—

(*a*) road from Ettumanur to Poonjat.
(*b*) ,, Lalam to Todupuzha.
(*c*) ,, Lalam to Ponkunnam.
(*d*) ,, Kanjirapalli to Erattupettah.
(*e*) ,, Pizhaku to Kuthattukulam *via* Ramapuram.

Dewan's reply.—All the roads mentioned are existing roads. Their improvement will be attended to consistently with the funds available.

178. *Settlement grievances.*

Mr. Mathunni Thomman said that, in fixing rates in the Taluk, the fact that cocoanut and areca palms were affected by blight be taken into consideration. He also requested that, in granting registry of puduvals, the value of only serviceable trees be realised.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the rates on cocoanut trees, the Settlement Dewan Peishkar says that all the trees suffering from blight *have been* excluded from calculation. The Peishkar has also given you an endorsement that an order like that has been issued by him to his local officers.

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As regards the complaint about the levy of five times the assessment on puduvals, that was done in accordance with the orders of Government which were in operation in other taluks. A particular taluk cannot be exempted from the rule.

The question of fixing a uniform rate for trees standing on puduvals is, as I have already told you, engaging the consideration of Government.

MUVATTUPUZHA TALUK.

179. *Bridges and roads.*

Mr. Mathan Ippe prayed for—

(1) the construction of bridges on the main central road and on the Muvattupuzha-Todupuzha road at the crossing of the Muvattupuzha river:

(2) the improvement of the village roads from Muvattupuzha to Vaikam and Muvattupuzha to Neduvakad *via* Eramallur:

(3) the opening of a road from Kothamangalam to Todupuzha, connecting it by a road through Eramallur and Jnarakad.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer says that each of the two bridges will cost about 3 to 4 lakhs of rupees. On the whole, the cost of the two bridges is estimated at about 7 lakhs. The works cannot be done.

(2) One of the two roads is under maintenance. The improvement of the other road will be enquired about.

(3) The new road proposed is estimated to cost over a lakh of rupees. There is absolutely no chance of the road being constructed.

180. *Ramangalam temple.*

Mr. N. Sankara Pillai requested that the Ramangalam temple in Muvattupuzha be ordered to be immediately repaired, as it was in a very dilapidated condition.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the repairs to the temple, an estimate for rupees 3,000 and odd has been received, but for want of funds in the Maramat budget, the work is not taken up in the current year. The work will lie over for consideration and, if funds permit, will be taken up next year. As regards the suggestion of the member that, as the building is in danger of falling down at any moment, it should be pulled down at once, Government will ask the Peishkar to inspect and report.

TODUPUZHA TALUK.

181. *English and Vernacular Schools.*

Mr. Luke Thomman asked for an English school at Todupuzha and more Vernacular schools in the provertis.

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